

## MANY POLICE COMPLAINTS.

## COMMISSIONER MACLEAN SAT IN JUDGMENT AT HEADQUARTERS.

Officers and Officers Absent from Their Posts—Police Chief at the Bar Again—A Patrolman with a Pistol and the Chief Did Officers Who Held Street Lavies While On Duty.

Commissioner MacLean presided over the trials of delinquent police officers yesterday. There was a heavy batch of complaints, but they were disposed of with more than ordinary celerity.

The first case was that of Patrolman John Fally, of the Second Precinct. Capt. Slevin found him off post on June 11.

Officer Hiram Levy, of the Sanitary squad, failed to report a case as ordered on June 2. He said he didn't understand the order.

Capt. Garland found Patrolman Joseph McCauley, of the Seventh Precinct, off post on June 10.

Officer William A. Spolasto, of the Sanitary Squad, acknowledged that he had failed to relieve, as ordered, on June 2.

Patrolman Frank D. Thompson, of the Eighth, who was reported for drinking beer in front of a liquor store, June 8, had a witness who swore that he was the man who drank the beer, and tried to prove that the roundsman had defective vision.

Patrolman George Broderick, of the Ninth, was reported by Sgt. Croker to have been guilty of violent and boisterous conduct at a station on June 6, when he was reported for failing to report in time to take a prisoner to court. The officer said the provocation was great, because the Sergeant had threatened to kick him, which the latter very positively denied.

Patrolman Francis O'Rourke, of the Fifteenth Precinct, explained his absence from roll call on June 8 by saying his family allowed him to oversleep.

Patrolman Gave, of the Sixteenth, failed to report a deal horse on his post on June 8.

Patrolman Edward Buchanan, of the Eighteenth, was reported for being absent from roll call at 6 p. m., June 8.

Patrolman Frederick Parker, of the Sixteenth, was absent from roll call and away from post for nearly four hours on June 9. He pleaded sudden sickness.

Patrolman John W. McCormack, of the First Precinct, who was reported off post on June 4, said he went up to Nassau street to help break a blockade and stopped to talk with a citizen about it.

Patrolman John T. Light, of the First Precinct, was reported off post at 4 a. m., June 4.

Patrolman William Gray, of the Sixth, said he left a citizen in charge of his post when he had a call of necessity on June 10.

The roundsman of the Eighth, reported Officer Timothy F. Sullivan for being on the front stoop in Varick street at 3 p. m., June 11.

Patrolman Richard H. Moore, of the Ninth, was reported for being in a liquor store at 30 Thirtieth avenue June 11.

Patrolman William J. Clark, of the Tenth, was reported for neglect of duty in failing to relieve within a reasonable time after being relieved June 6. He said he was attending to an accident.

Charles P. Whitbeck, a patrolman of the Tenth, was reported for being absent from post on May 28.

Roundsman Campbell brought complaints against Patrolman John Nagle and Thomas O'Brien, of the Tenth, of the citizens complaining for an hour on the night of June 8. They said they were watching some suspicious persons.

Patrolman Henry Riegel, of the Thirteenth, was reported for failing to patrol his post properly on June 6.

Patrolman Lincoln E. Chaffee, of the Thirteenth, was reported for complaint by Roundsman Dugan, who saw him talking a long time on June 7 with two citizens and smoking a cigarette in the street. Chaffee denied smoking, but said he was talking about arresting a woman who was in the windows. Chaffee is the officer who is charged with mistreating a crippled boy.

Patrolman Jacob Leon, of the Fourteenth, said he was following some suspicious persons in answer to the complaint that he was off post on the night of June 4.

Patrolman Andrew Omer, of the Fourteenth, was reported for complaint by Roundsman McGuire, who was reported for complaint by Roundsman McGuire.

Patrolman John Fitzgibbon, of the Sixteenth, was charged with not patrolling his post properly on June 7. He claimed he never left his post.

Patrolman Julius F. Diederker, of the Sixteenth, was sent out to stall playing in West Twenty-second street, and his roundsman could not find him for an hour. He said he was down at Seventh avenue watching the gambols of a festive crowd.

Patrolman Douglas, of the Eighteenth, was reported by Sgt. Brophy for leaning against a boot-black's stand June 6. The officer said he only stood down to tie his shoe-string.

Patrolman George Lecour, of the Nineteenth, says he was giving a cabman some advice about keeping his lamps lighted, on the evening of June 8, when Roundsman Shields came along and reported him for neglect of duty.

Patrolman George Lang, of the Nineteenth, was reported for talking with citizens in Broadway and West Twenty-second street.

Patrolman James H. Kelly, of the Nineteenth, was found off his post on June 9, talking with the watchman of the Broadway Theatre, who had the policeman's night-stick in his hand. The officer said the watchman called him over.

Roundsman Kenny, of the Nineteenth, reported Patrolman Augustus M. Denyse sitting in an alleyway at 8 a. m., June 9. Denyse said he went in there to fix his shoe, which hurt him.

Patrolmen Thomas Downey, Lawrence Fay and Orin H. Sims, of the Twentieth, were all reported for being absent from post June 4, when they should have been at their several relieving points. They all pleaded guilty.

Patrolman James J. Burke, of the Twelfth, was reported for discipline for appearing at 6 p. m. roll-call June 10 without his shield. Roundsman Abraham Livingston, of the same precinct, was charged with having lent Burke his shield to go on patrol duty with. They both acknowledged the charges. Burke said he had left his shield home on another night.

John J. Gilroy, a patrolman of the Twelfth Precinct, was absent from patrol duty June 11 and failed to report for roll-call. He said he had a very sick child.

Inspector Williams appeared as complainant against Sgt. Ronk, of the Twenty-third Precinct, whom he charged with neglecting to enter the telephone register of the station, according to the rules, a despatch from the Central Office about a number of cases of contagious diseases in the precinct reported by the Fourth Precinct. The register said in taking down the names he found he had more than he could get on the printed slip and he used the other side of the paper for the remainder. The register, which he directed to copy the names into the blotter only read the names on one side of the paper, which contained only six out of the fifteen reported.

Patrolman William J. Rottman, of the Twenty-seventh, was reported by one roundsman as being off post June 6, and on the same day was reported by another roundsman in a grocery store while on duty.

Patrolman Patrick F. Goggin, of the Thirtieth, who, at 12:30 a. m., June 6, shot and wounded the roundsman of the same precinct, was reported for discipline for having the latter was running away from him, was brought up, with Capt. Hooker as complainant. Raynor was not present. The officer said the roundsman, who was charged with basement burglaries, had been several complaints from that locality, and was in citizen's clothes. He saw Raynor going along with a big bundle, and asked him to stop and show him what he had. Raynor took to his heels and the officer ran after him, telling him to stop, that he was a policeman, and would shoot if he didn't stop. Raynor only ran the faster, and the officer then fired, only to frighten the man, he said. The bullet glanced along the sidewalk and hit him in the leg, inflicting a slight wound. There will be another hearing on this case.

Patrolman John J. Newlands, of the Twenty-second, was off post on the night of June 8. He said he was called off to quell a disturbance in a tenement-house in the next post.

Patrolman Thomas Lambert and Augustus Schneider, of the Twenty-second, were both reported for failing to report on June 8. Lambert, the former on June 9 and the latter June 3. The excuse of Schneider was that he stopped to see an accident.

Patrolman Michael J. Minchen and John Lang, of the Twenty-fifth, were found in a liquor store at Sixty-ninth street and Second avenue June 8 at 10:30 p. m. They said they were there to see a man who had stolen his coat a month before. When they got there they couldn't find the man, and waited until they saw a game of cards that was going on then.

Patrolman John H. Cook and George E. Cumming, of the Sixth, were reported for complaint by the citizens for being on the front stoop in Varick street at 3 p. m., June 11.

Patrolman Francis Becker, of the Twenty-sixth, was charged with riding on a car. He said the conductor asked him for a chew of tobacco, and he was not on the platform over two seconds.

Patrolman Timothy J. Cronin, of the Twenty-ninth, failed to relieve properly on June 7.

Patrolman Ellsworth S. Drew, of the Twenty-ninth, was reported off post on June 8. He went to assist a female in distress.

Patrolman Josiah S. Sprague, of the Twenty-ninth, was off post June 8, in a back yard.

Patrolman Frank S. Price, of the Thirtieth, said he left his post, One Hundred and Sixty-first street, June 5, to stop a man.

Patrolman Barry and Charles Loewenstein, of the Thirty-second, were reported for being in a liquor store at One Hundredth street and Second avenue while on duty at the Polo Grounds.

Patrolman James R. Stillings and John J. McLoughlin, of the Thirty-second, were charged with talking with each other while on patrol duty.

Patrolman Horace E. Patrick, of the Thirty-second, was reported for not notifying the Sergeant of the fact that he was out of order and not lighted. He was also off post on June 9.

Several witnesses were examined in the case of Patrolman Joseph J. Long, who claimed that he was assaulted and clubbed by Officer John Farrington, of the Sixth Precinct, in Mulberry street June 4. The latter said he had no recollection of the case, and that he was going to his "suburban villa," in Stamford, Conn. Mr. Hooley also found evidence to mention the fact that "Conrad the Corsair," which is now in its second week at Hooley's Theatre, is doing a remarkable business.

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## THE THEATRICAL FOLK.

## TOPICS AND CURRENT TALK OF THE THEATRICAL SUMMER SEASON.

Miss Russell to Retire from "The Queen's Mate" and Miss Grubb Perhaps to Succeed Her—Stock Companies Pass Their Summer and General Personal and Professional News.

Miss Lillian Russell, it is said, has positively decided to leave "The Queen's Mate" Company, either to take a rest, or for some other purpose. Mr. Duff has been negotiating with Miss Lillian Grubb to take her place. This young lady has been very seriously ill at her home in Baltimore, where she still remains, though she is now convalescent. Miss Russell's work in "The Queen's Mate" has been very arduous, and her resignation was talked of some time ago. The fact Lillian is very susceptible to fatigue, though, as she walked up Broadway yesterday, daintily clad in black and white pongee silk, no one could have looked more radiantly healthful. Miss Russell has once again that graceful figure that won for her some years ago the title of Queen of the Dudes. She now weighs only 140 pounds.

Frederick de Belleville sailed for England yesterday, after a season of hard work. Next season De Belleville is to play leading business with Miss Clara Morris.

Joseph Brooks, who has the Fifth Avenue Theatre on a rental for the month of October and proposed placing Frederick Ward there in the lead, is now looking for a play. He is now to be anxiously looking about for something else to fill the time at the theatre, which hangs rather heavily upon his hands.

Miss Estelle Clayton is going to attempt starring again next season. This young woman's persistency will probably place her in the position she is so anxious to occupy. She has already tried several starring tours.

Alfred J. Schlecht, Louisville's basso, has been engaged to appear with Wells, Henshaw and Ten Broeck in a piece called "Two Old Crooks," which has been upon the road two seasons and made money. Miss Saline Cohen is to be the southerly of the company. The season opens in Boston, Aug. 27.

"A Little Nap" is the name of a "comedy extravaganza" just completed by Mr. P. D. Dimpsey. The idea of the piece is pretty and pleasing.

Dixey, yes, he is still with us—has decided to return from Boston to New York and sail for Europe from this city next week. He has been going to sail nearly every "sailable" day for the just fortnight, but he has not yet left. He does not seem to be able to tear himself away. Steamers leaving from Boston are not swift enough to please him.

"The Banker's Daughter," which opened at the Grand Opera House on Monday night, has brightened greatly since then, and last evening's performance was very satisfactory. The incident of the night, which was the story of a young man's love for a rich girl, was very well acted.

The members of the Madison Square and Lyceum Theatre companies are enjoying their holiday, in and around New York City, at the present time. Very soon they will all be moving to the "Grand Old Theatre," at the conclusion of the Lyceum company's engagement in San Francisco, the Madison Square Company open their season in that city. The New York City company, which has been on the road for some time, will be the last to leave, and their home-tours in both California and one (Lulu's) in England.

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## THE FIREMEN'S TRIALS.

## Men Who Couldn't Get Away from Parties on Their Time Limit.

For the first time in years, Secretary Carl Jensen, of the Fire Department, was absent from the meeting of the Commissioners yesterday, a despatch having been received by the President saying that he was ill.

His assistant, P. J. Dunn, filled his place in a very satisfactory manner.

Fireman Henry W. Donnelly, of Engine 5, was the first to be called up on the charge of being absent for eight hours without permission. He pleaded necessary delay at home.

Fireman E. J. Lacey, of Engine 5, was not arraigned on a similar charge, seven hours being the time specified.

He had obtained two hours leave to go to a party a few doors distant and couldn't resist the temptation to oversleep.

Fireman John J. Jennings, of the same company, attended a christening and was gone six hours without the necessary permission.

Fireman James Bohon, of Engine 19, was charged with maliciously defacing the company's journal by making pen marks on the page.

When asked that he was sitting at the desk in a drowsy condition, and in order to keep himself awake began to scribble on what he supposed was a sheet of paper.

Detecting the tell-tale scribbles on Bohon's breath, the President asked him if he was a drinking man.

"No, sir," was the emphatic reply. "I wouldn't give a cent for all the liquor in the country."

"When did you drink last?"

"Well, to tell you the truth, sir, I had a drink yesterday."

Bohon's written lesson will make a ten days' hole in his salary on the 1st of July.

John Gillespie, of Hook and Ladder 2, was charged with using profane language to Fireman Murphy, but was not present to answer the charge, having reported sick.

John F. Murphy was then arraigned for striking Gillespie, when the latter had used the profane language.

Murphy's captain gave him an excellent reputation, but the Fire Department Fund will have five days of Murphy's pay added to its treasury.

## CONTRACTOR HOBBY ARRESTED.

What He Had to Say of the Fatal Accident at the Trench.

David R. Hobby, one of the contractors who had engaged the workmen to dig the trenches at Thirty-third street and Fourth avenue, which caved in yesterday afternoon, causing the death of three men, was arrested at his residence, 1780 Lexington avenue, this morning.

Mr. Hobby, who was seen at the Thirtieth street station-house soon after his arrest, said to an Evening World reporter:

"I left the scene of the accident only about an hour before it occurred and was more than surprised when it came to my knowledge. The ditch was properly braced, and I can only account for the cave through the statement of the heavy stone mason in the vicinity, who said that a heavily laden truck had driven by the place, near the edge of the trench, just before the accident."

Mr. Hobby was taken to the Coroner's office for a hearing at 10 o'clock and held in \$5,000 bail on the charge of criminal negligence.

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Mrs. Engel Finds a Burglar in Her Room and Successfully Raises the Alarm.

Patrick Sullivan, an old-time burglar